

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE DISTRICT OF NEBRASKA**

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,	)	CASE NO. 8:03CR205
	)	
Plaintiff,	)	
	)	
vs.	)	TENTATIVE FINDINGS
	)	
RICHARD SCHAFFER,	)	
	)	
Defendant.	)	

The Court has received the Presentence Investigation Report (“PSR”) and the government’s objections thereto (Filing No. 29).<sup>1</sup> The Court advises the parties that these Tentative Findings are issued with the understanding that, pursuant to *United States v. Booker*, 2005 WL 50108 (U.S. Jan. 12, 2005), the sentencing guidelines are advisory.

The government objects to the quantity of controlled substance attributable to the Defendant in ¶ 50 and the base offense level. The plea agreement reached pursuant to Federal Rule of Criminal Procedure 11(c)(1)(C) requires that the Defendant be held responsible for at least 1.5 but less than 5 kilograms of a substance containing methamphetamine yielding a base offense level of 34. The Court's tentative findings are that, absent unusual circumstances, the Rule 11(c)(1)(C) plea agreement should be upheld, the Defendant should be held responsible for the drug quantity reflected in the plea agreement, and the base offense level should be calculated as level 34.

IT IS ORDERED:

1. The Court's tentative findings are that the government's objections (Filing No. 29) to the PSR are granted;

<sup>1</sup>The Addendum reflects that, although the Defendant has not filed objections with the Court, defense counsel objected initially to the base offense level.

2. The parties are notified that my tentative findings are that the PSR is correct in all other respects;

3. If **any** party wishes to challenge these tentative findings, the party shall file, as soon as possible but in any event before sentencing, and serve upon opposing counsel and the court a motion challenging these tentative findings, supported by (a) such evidentiary materials as are required (giving due regard to the requirements of the local rules of practice respecting the submission of evidentiary materials), (b) a brief as to the law, and (c) if an evidentiary hearing is requested, a statement describing why an evidentiary hearing is necessary and an estimated length of time for the hearing;

4. Absent submission of the information required by paragraph 3 of this order, my tentative findings may become final;

5. Unless otherwise ordered, any motion challenging these tentative findings shall be resolved at sentencing.

DATED this 8<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2005.

BY THE COURT:

S/ Laurie Smith Camp  
United States District Judge